

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: Ayoub RASHTCHIAN, <i>et al.</i>	)	Confirmation No: 6375
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Application Serial No.: 10/633,629	)	Group Art Unit: 1633
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Filed: August 5, 2003	)	Examiner: Ileana Popa

For: COMPOSITIONS FOR IN VITRO AMPLIFICATION OF NUCLEIC ACIDS

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450, Mail Stop Amendment  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111**

Sir:

Applicants submit this paper in response to the Office Action of June 5, 2009. This response is timely filed on December 5, 2009, by the filing of a petition for a three (3) month extension of time and the payment of the requisite fee.

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